

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1.(original) A solid oral pharmaceutical composition containing carbidopa and levodopa in a 1: 4 weight ratio, in the form of ethylcellulose-coated granules.
- 2.(original) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said granules are included in gelatin capsules or sachets.
- 3.(original) A composition as claimed in claim 1, containing from 10 to 200 mg carbidopa and 40 to 800 mg levodopa.
- 4.(original) A composition as claimed in claim 3, containing 50 mg carbidopa and 200 mg levodopa.
- 5.(currently amended) A composition according to ~~any previous claim 1~~, containing 90% levodopa and carbidopa, 3% polyethylene glycol, 1.70% ethylcellulose, 0.8% talc, 4.5%polyvinylpyrrolidone, potassium metabisulfite q. s. to 100.
- 6.(original) A composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein the granules have a mean diameter ranging from 500 to 1200pm.
- 7.(currently amended) ~~The use of carbidopa and levodopa in a 1: 4 weight ratio~~ Method for the preparation of ethylcellulose-coated granules to be used in the treatment of Parkinson's diseases or related pathologies, which comprises admixing an effective amount of carbidopa and levodopa in a 1: 4 weight ratio.